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Dear Paul,

Annoyed that I cannot recall where I first heard of the Miami tapes, I just checked my notes again. I am astounded at all the leads I originally spotted that still need checking out, how good so many instincts were, and how much I have forgotten. For example, Weitzman also said the shots came from the northwest, things like that. Walthers saw man in Brown suit, red shirt, in 3rd floor win

Most disturbing is that we could have had all this stuff so long ago. When I got Hal to come to Washington to work in the Archives I absented myself once I had him established, for I feared focusing attention on him. I immediately began to get inquiries about him from the officials and thought he'd accomplish me if he were not so closely associated with me. I kept some of the notes I gave him. When I learned that 1347 had been declassified I told him about it and asked him to examine it, giving him this note at his home rather than in the Archives. I never heard a thing further from him about it!

I also notice that I suspected Exhibit 29 of the FBI Report (CD 1) more than two years ago, suspected it came from the Hughes film, and could check it no further at that time. That time was the Spring of 1966! If we had been able to mount a real research project at that time, how much more we would have known, how much farther along we would not be!

There are so many typographical errors in these notes, which I never took time to correct, and so many are cryptic because I expected to duplicate this work, I wonder how much they will mean to another. However, I'll ask Hal to read those I still can find before he goes there, if he comes here and does go there. With his knowledge of the case, these things might lead to something. Also, I think the time has come for a new check on what has been declassified of the source papers. I think he'll do best working on the available staff papers, which I have never been able to really search, and will so suggest, depending on how much time he has. Steve Burton may stop off on his way back and he can perhaps carry on if Hal can start with where I left off. I have notes on that and copies of the considerable amount I then got. Any ideas along these lines?

Sincerely,